

CLASSIFICATION OFFICE DECISION

Title of publication: New Image.JPG

Other known title(s): Not stated

OFLC ref: 1300432.012

Medium: Computer Image File

Publisher: Not stated

Country of origin: Not stated

Language: English

Applicant: The District Court at North Shore

Classification:	Objectionable.
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Descriptive note: None

Display conditions: None

Date of entry in Register: 07 June 2013

Date of direction to issue a label: No direction to issue a label has been issued

Date of notice of decision: No notice of decision has been issued

Summary of reasons for decision:

The computer image file is deemed to be objectionable because it promotes and supports the exploitation of children for sexual purposes.

The image on the file has been downloaded from a commercial internet site. It shows two young girls, approximately 7-8 years old, posing naked for the camera with their genital areas partly exposed. The image bears a logo containing the word "nymphets", indicating that it is intended for the titillation and arousal of people with a sexual interest in children. The image invites viewers to see young prepubescent girls as sexual objects who are available for the sexual gratification of adults.

The classification of this publication interferes with the right to freedom of expression set out in the New Zealand Bill of Rights Act 1990. However, this is an outcome that is consistent with Parliament's intention and is a reasonable limitation on the freedom of expression. The classification reflects the concern of a free and democratic society to protect its young and vulnerable members from sexual exploitation.